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Van Zeeland flew to Pregny this morning to relate latest political development staking. He is expected to return Brussels this afternoon and resume discussion in effort to find compromise between three leading political parties on remaining points at issue: Leopold's place of residence during period of delegation of powers to Prince Baudouin and -- of greater importance -- formula by which he may eventually terminate delegation of powers and resume as sovereign (EMBTEL 654, April 21).

Our reference telegram requires but little modification as weekend was spent in fairly fruitless negotiations between party leaders. Only new but not unexpected development was communique from PSC insisting that any solution to be agreed upon must be strictly within framework of King's address to nation April 15.

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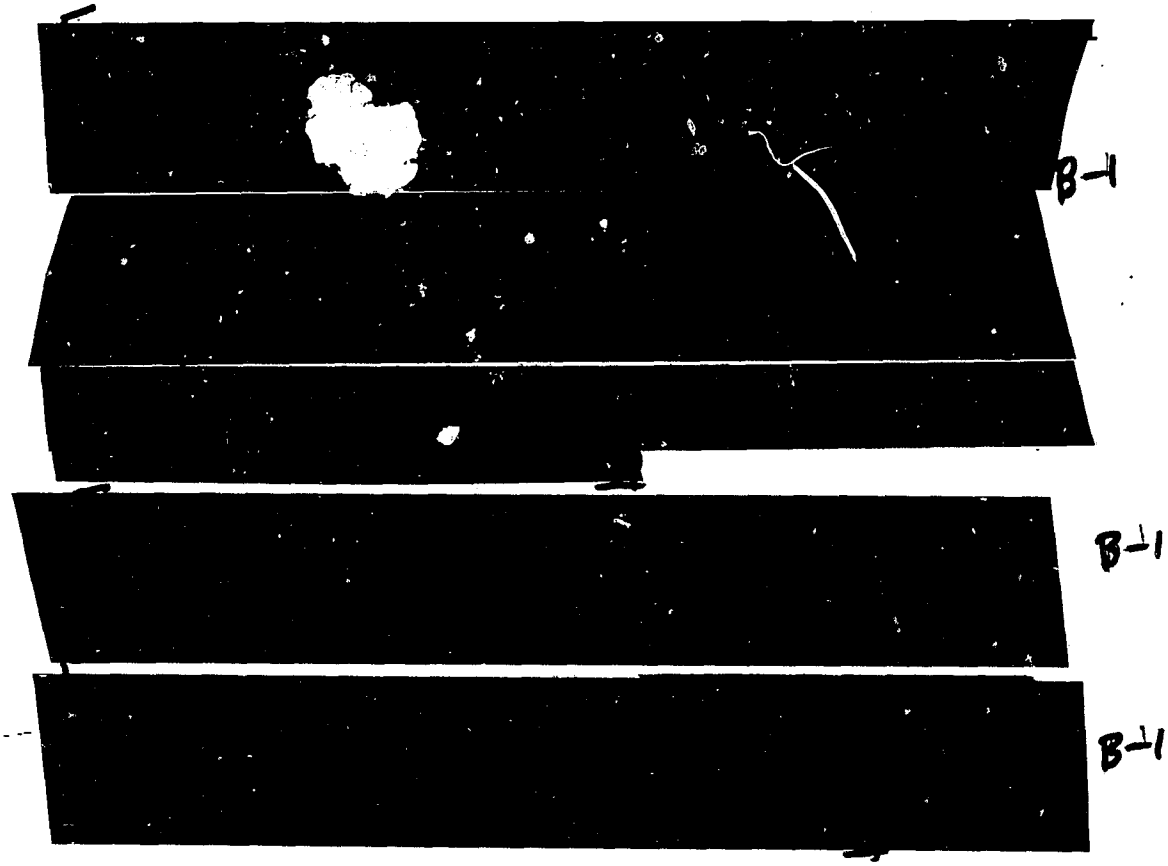

Van Zeeland's present journey to Pregny suggests that crisis is now drawing to final issue and we expect that Belgium politicians in their typical manner will manage to square the royal circle.

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